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PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation that claim 4 is allowed.

Claims 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 USC §101 because the Examiner contends that the claimed invention lacks patentable utility.

Claims 1-3 and 5-12 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Granger et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,643,775) and Operating System Concepts, fifth edition, Silberschatz et al.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-3 and 5-12. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections are moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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